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HOKE SMITH HIT HARD

Wolcott Says He Is Barn Storming in Georgia.

AND NEGLECTING PUBLIC DUTIES.

Butler Introduces a Resolution in the Senate to Amend the Constitution—The Postoffice Appropriation Bill Under Consideration—Little Esther Cleveland Attacked by the Measles—Elections Committee Decides in Favor of Woodard.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—In the senate Tuesday Teller presented a large number of petitions from branches of the American Federation of Labor from various states asking for the restoration of the free coinage of silver and expressing the opinion that such a course would promote prosperity. The bill to pay Edward Rice of Denver \$2,000 for United States coupon bonds lost by him in 1895 was passed. Butler introduced a joint resolution providing for an amendment of the constitution to limit the veto power of the president so as to make it competent for the two houses to pass bills over a veto by a majority vote. Speaking of the resolution he said that the idea of requiring the American people were not far removed from English ideas. In his opinion the power vested in the president was too great and should be limited.

Call's Cuban Resolution.
Call gave notice that he would call up his Cuban resolution for discussion Wednesday during the morning hour. The postoffice appropriation bill was then taken up, the pending question being the compensation of clerks at postal stations and substations involving the matter of the consolidation of postoffices. Vilas concluded that the amendment did not enlarge the powers of the postmaster general and that postmasters had always had the power to establish substations. He denied that he had said that the postmaster general had power to send a man 1,000 miles to establish an office, as Allen had charged. Allen read from Vilas' former speech in support of his statement, but Vilas declared the Nebraska senator had confounded two propositions and added that, "The senator from Nebraska was, as usual, incorrect and cannot see that he was."

Cabinet Officers Attacked.
In speaking of the abuses of the law by cabinet officers of the present administration said one of them was now barn storming in Georgia in favor of monometalism. He should have called attention to the matter earlier, he said, were it not for the fact that it was better that he was away than here so far as the attention to public business was concerned. He wanted to know if cabinet officers had not a right to make political speeches to which Wolcott retorted that he had not the right to neglect the performance of his duties.

MEASLES AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Little Esther Cleveland Stricken with the Disease.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The meeting of the cabinet Tuesday was postponed without date, owing to the sudden appearance of the measles in the president's household, little Esther Cleveland being stricken with it. This infantile disease has been almost epidemic in Washington for some time past, and all precautions have not availed to prevent its spread everywhere. Private Secretary Thurber's children have all had the disease in regular course and to prevent the possibility of its transmission to the White House Mr. Thurber has absented himself from his own domicile for the past week and has made his residence at the White House.

However, this sacrifice was of no avail for Tuesday morning a eruption suddenly appeared on little Esther Cleveland's forehead and she was the first victim at the White House. To prevent the spread of the disease among the families of the cabinet officers word was sent by telegraph to the various departments that there would be no meeting of the cabinet Tuesday, and then steps were taken to combat the disease in Mr. Cleveland's household. Orders were sent to Woodley, the president's suburban residence, to put the place in shape for the immediate reception of the family, and Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by all of her children, left the White House to make their home at Woodley until the disease had run its course.

CURA THE TIERNE

Conference Between President Cleveland and Secretary Olney.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The senate concurrent resolutions on the Cuban question were delivered to Private Secretary Thurber Tuesday morning by Mr. Platt, one of the executive clerks of the senate. Later in the day they were sent to the state department, as the law requires that such resolutions shall be printed in the book of laws annually published by the department. Secretary Olney called early at the White House, and remained in close consultation with the president, under the impression that had been sent to the other members, that there would be no cabinet meeting Tuesday.

There is reason to believe the cabinet meeting would have been postponed, regardless of the appearance of the measles among the children at the White House, in order to afford the president an opportunity for private deliberation with the chief member of his cabinet, for there was a story current, and it is believed, that the two were engaged in the preparation of a special message to congress. Of course, this was immediately assumed to relate to the Cuban situation and to an expedition by the president of the actual state of affairs on the island, and as revealed in the reports of the United States consular officers and other trusted sources of information.

Musicians in Convention.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The eleventh annual convention of the National League of Musicians of the United States opened in this city Tuesday. About seventy-five delegates are here from various sections of the country. Alex. Brewer of New York City is president. The forenoon session was held behind closed doors.

The Chapman Case.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia Tuesday affirmed the decision of Judge Cole of the district supreme court in the case of

Riverton R. Chapman, the New York broker sentenced for refusing to answer questions put by the senate sugar investigation committee. Chapman was convicted by the lower court and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and to serve one month in jail. His counsel will take an appeal to the United States supreme court.

In Favor of Woodard.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Elections committee No. 1 Tuesday by a unanimous vote decided the contested election case of H. P. Cheatham vs. Fred A. Woodard from the Second North Carolina district in favor of Mr. Woodard, the sitting member. Cheatham is a colored Republican and has represented his district in the house.

In General Miles' Favor.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The house committee on military affairs Tuesday decided to report favorably to the house the resolution to bestow the rank of lieutenant general on General Nelson A. Miles.

MINISTER UNDER A CLOUD.

He Must Stand an Investigation or Leave the Church.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 8.—The wife of Rev. John Heritage, late pastor of the wealthy Avenue Baptist church, committed suicide last November by taking chloroform. It was alleged that her mind was affected and that she had threatened suicide more than once and had even attempted it. Heritage admitted these circumstances and said he purchased the chloroform the morning of the tragedy and then left the bottle on a table in his wife's room and went out for a walk. When he returned she was dead. The suicide created considerable gossip at the time.

Heritage left the city and about the same time Mrs. E. Kelly, a member of his church, departed also. The couple were married in the southern part of the state two months later. Monday the Baptist pastors of the city in session adopted resolutions recommending that Mr. Heritage demand an investigation, and unless he does so that he withdraw from the ministry. The resolutions recite that Heritage and Mrs. Kelly withdrew from the wealthy Avenue church with a report of recommendation on July 24 and Aug. 3 last respectively; that Mrs. Heritage is alleged to have committed suicide in November, and that two months later the couple were married.

Won the Chess Championship.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Jackson W. Showalter of New York Monday night won the chess championship of the United States and a purse of \$750 by defeating Emil Kerner of this city in the fifteenth game of the match. The conditions of the match were that the first player to score seven wins should be declared the victor. Monday night's results brought Showalter's score up to the requisite number. The deciding game was a Ray Lopez and Kerner resigned on the thirty-third move. The score: Showalter 7, Kerner 4, drawn 4.

Americans Winning the Honors.

ATHENS, April 8.—At the Olympic games Tuesday Thomas P. Curtis of the Boston team won the heat in which he contested for the hurdle race. Elmer H. Clark, also of the Boston team, won the broad jump with Robert Garrett, captain of the Princeton team, second. Thomas E. Burke of the Boston team won the third heat in the 400 metres running race, with H. H. Jamison of the Princeton team, second. Robert Garrett of Princeton, won the shot put. Arthur Blake of the Boston team was second in the kilometre run.

Five Outlaws Captured.

KANSAS CITY, April 8.—A special to The Star from Coffeyville, Kan., says: Two deputy United States marshals have captured a gang of five outlaws southwest of this city after a hot fight in which Oliver Hooks, one of the desperadoes, was mortally wounded. Hooks' horse was shot from under him and he was wounded before he would give up. The four of the outlaws were brought to this city and will be taken to Fort Smith, A. T.

Fatal Explosion in Dynamite.

GREENSBORO, Pa., April 8.—By an explosion of dynamite at the new Radolaugh tunnel near here Tuesday one man was killed and three injured, two fatally. Their names are: Frank Grannell, dead; W. L. Marshall, James Parker, and George W. Marshall and Parker, who will die. The men were thawing out dynamite when large quantity of the stuff exploded. Young Grannell was horribly mangled, as he was standing directly over the explosive.

Disastrous Fire in Halifax.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 8.—A disastrous fire which occurred at the northern end of the city Tuesday destroyed the lumber yards and food stores of John Davidson & Son, burned the residence of the senior member of the firm and caused considerable damage to several other dwellings. The total loss will reach \$100,000, about \$50,000 of which will fall on the Davidsons. They have only small insurance.

Colorado Miners on Strike.

DENVER, April 8.—About 500 miners in the employ of the United Coal company at the mines in Louisville, Lafayette, Erie and Marshall, Colo., struck Tuesday for an increase of about 15 per cent. in wages, which had been refused by Austin G. Gorham, receiver of the company.

Date of Dawson's Trial.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 8.—The date for the trial of S. R. Dawson for the murder of his son-in-law, Walter Scott, on last Christmas was been set for April 27. Dawson murdered Scott within fifteen minutes of his marriage to Clara Dawson.

Voted Against Women.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 8.—At Tuesday's session of the New York East conference the proposition that delegates to the general conference may be men or women was lost by a vote 36 to 149. The result was greeted with applause.

Big Fire at Yonkers.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Fourteen buildings in the business section of Yonkers were burned Tuesday. The total loss amounts to about \$100,000 on buildings and stock.

Nominations to Congress.

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., April 8.—The Democrats of the Twelfth district nominated James M. Robinson by acclamation Tuesday afternoon. No resolutions were adopted.

ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES.

Big Convention To Be Held in Washington in July.

AN OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME.

Sixty Thousand Persons Are Expected to Attend and Three Great Tents and the Churches of the Capital City Will Be Used for the Services—The Convention to Open Wednesday Evening, July 8, with Twenty-Two Meetings.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The general outline of the programme of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in this city July 8 and 13, was announced Tuesday. It is expected fully 60,000 people will attend the convention, which will open Wednesday evening, July 8, with twenty-two meetings held in twenty-two of the large



REV. FRANCIS CLARK.
[President of the Christian Endeavor Association.]

est churches of the city. Every morning of the convention there will be held at 6:30 o'clock from twenty to thirty early morning prayer meetings in as many churches. The formal opening of the convention will occur Thursday morning in the three great tents which will be pitched upon the White House lot just south of the executive mansion. These will be called Tent Washington, Tent Endeavor and Tent Williston and will seat about 10,000 persons each, including a chorus choir of about 1,000 voices. At these opening sessions, which will be held simultaneously at 9:30 o'clock, addresses of welcome, the annual report of the secretary, John Willis Blair, and the annual address of President Rev. Francis Clark will be given.

Denominational Rallies.

Thursday afternoon there will be held about thirty denominational rallies. The rallies of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists will be held in the three tents and the others will be held in the large churches. The topic for consideration Thursday evening will be "Christian Citizenship." The topic for Friday is "Saved to Serve." The morning meetings will be held in the three tents and in the afternoon conferences for the discussion of Christian Endeavor a committee work will be held in many churches. In the evening one of the tents will be given over to an evangelical meeting for the citizens of Washington, while in the other two tents, Central hall and six churches programmes of great interest to Endeavorers will be provided.

Saturday will be "Outdoor day." At 9:30 an open air praise service will be held at the Washington monument. The Endeavorers will then march to the Capitol, where it is hoped, brief addresses may be delivered from the steps of the seat of government. The Junior Christian Endeavorers will hold an early prayer meeting on Saturday morning and a grand rally in one of the tents on Saturday afternoon at which a choir and orchestra composed entirely of children will lend the music. Saturday afternoon will be given up to sight-seeing by most of the Endeavorers, while Saturday evening will be devoted to receptions of the state delegations.

Sunday Services.

While these state rates are being held Saturday evening the three tents will be given over to meetings for citizens only, at which leading Endeavorers and evangelists will speak. No services will be held on Sunday morning in the tents, every one attending the regular service in the churches. On Sunday afternoon an evangelistic service will be held in one of the tents and in the other two and in many churches there will be held denominational missionary rallies. These will give a very successful one. At the same hour there will be held in Central hall a meeting devoted wholly to the question of the American Sunday. The tents will be closed in the evening.

Monday morning the World's Christian Endeavor convention, formed last year in Boston, will hold its first annual convention. The afternoon will be devoted to excursions and in the evening the convention will close with the sermons and usual consecration services in each of the three tents. Central hall and six churches programmes of great interest to Endeavorers will be provided. The local committee are busy preparing the details of the arrangements for entertaining the hosts who will come and choruses aggregating 4,000 voices are already rehearsing the convention music.

Killed His Wife, Ganged His Son.

McLEANSBORO, Ill., April 8.—One of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this (Hamilton) county occurred in the German settlement, eight miles north of this city, Sunday afternoon, about 3 o'clock. A rural Bohemian, a well-to-do farmer, 40 years of age, cut his wife's throat and hanged his 8-year-old son to a rafter in his stable. After committing these deeds he covered the bodies with fodder and hid his crime and made his escape to the woods. Bohemian and his wife had been having trouble for some time over religious differences, but his wife's throat was cut in a fit of passion, while she was a firm Catholic.

Contesting Delegates Named.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 8.—The reform, or "Ally-vote," Republicans congressional convention for the Eighth district was held here Monday. After a creditable time the following delegates were chosen to the national convention: Thomas Burke, Fort Worth, and W. L. Fisher of Weatherford. Both are McKinley men. This delegation will elect the regular R. publican delegation to the St. Louis convention.

CHARGES OF FRAUD.

Sensational Statement Made by Rev. Dr. John Lanahan.

BALTIMORE, April 8.—Rev. Dr. John Lanahan sprung a sensation in the Methodist preachers' meeting Monday morning when he announced that in a few days he would publish in a permanent form a document entitled "The Era of Frauds in the Methodist Book Concern at New York," where he was at one time an agent. He said that the publication was made necessary by the repeated denials of the frauds by persons in official positions.

Dr. Lanahan will, he says, furnish indubitable proof that for more than twelve years every financial report made to the church by the New York management was false from \$21,000 to \$100,000. The speaker further asserted that frauds were perpetrated in the manufacturing department. In the printing branch the purchase of \$100,000 worth of paper was questioned. The book committee, whose business it was to examine, assumed that the exposure of the frauds would injure the church and endeavored to conceal all and whitewash the defrauders.

In addition to these charges, Dr. Lanahan said that three large oil companies were secretly organized and carried on by an agent at New York with the co-operation of other employees of the concern without the knowledge of the Methodist church. The capital stock of the three companies aggregated more than \$1,000,000.

BASTIAN FARM MURDERS.

Talk of Another Man Who Disappeared Very Suddenly.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., April 8.—Close to where John Landersbach's remains were unearthed on the Bastian farm the sheriff's forces Monday dug up a coat, a pair of trousers and a jacket. The garments were buried about a foot in the soil. Two plows are now constantly at work overturning the ground. A search of the McLaughlin place, which adjoins the Bastian farm, has also been begun. Thus far nothing has been found there but a deserted house. It was explored, but without result.

The remains of John Landersbach were buried Monday in Chillicothe cemetery, a number of German citizens agreeing to stand the expenses of a lot and a decent burial rather than allow the unfortunate's bones to be interred in the potters' field. There is now talk of an other man suddenly disappearing while in Bastian's employ three years ago. His name was Hugh McCaffrey, 35 years old and a native of Ireland. He was a heavy-set man of light complexion, and is said to have had money in the old country. He disappeared just as the others did, for whom search is now being made.

Know Nothing About That Plot.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The officials of the Southern Pacific Railway say they know nothing of the alleged plot to hold up the train on which Chauncey M. Depew and Cornelius Vanderbilt were riding last week and abduct V. and J. The story was printed in this city and an interview was given with Detective G. E. Gard, formerly in the employ of the Southern Pacific, who said the plot had been revealed to him by a man who at first intended to participate in the crime. Detective Gard is well known in California and his reputation for veracity has never been questioned.

Pretty Michigan Girl.

MARTIN, Mich., April 8.—Mary Anderson of Montpelier, 18 years old, was entering her father's shop yesterday. She seized her and tried to make her tell where her father kept his money. She refused and they threatened her with death. Then they set fire to her clothing, but she refused to say anything. They quenched the fire, and tying her hands and feet, left her in the shop. She was not badly burned. She has given the officers descriptions of her assailants and the whole county is searching for the men.

Sensational Suit in Equity.

DULUTH, Minn., April 8.—A rather sensational suit in equity has been begun in the federal court by Foley Bros. & Guthrie, in which Sir William C. Van Horne is roundly assailed. In fact, grossly irregular manipulation of the Duluth and Winnipeg road in the interest of the Canadian Pacific is charged. The bill recited that Van Horne promised to take care of a floating debt of \$500,000, and in cashing it turned over \$1,500,000 in securities to a "straw man," which, as alleged, he afterward secured for one-fifth their value.

Strike Failure at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 8.—A strong attempt was made Tuesday to induce the street car motormen and conductors on all the lines to refuse to take out their cars. Committees of the strikers' union went from barn to barn to call on the men, but those who have affiliations in the organization laid off. Instead, therefore, of tying up all the lines in the city the strikers have succeeded only in laying off a few cars on some west side lines.

Failed to Crack the Safe.

STILLMAN VALLEY, Ill., April 8.—The bank here was broken into Monday night. An attempt to blow open the safe was a failure, but the vault and a portion of the building was wrecked. The robbers got only a small sum, but there was quite a large amount in the safe. The bank has many wealthy farmer depositors.

Mighty Easy on the Rascal.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Alfred M. Avery, the defaulting treasurer of Mount City council No. 24 of the National Union, pleaded guilty in Judge Barney's court to embezzlement, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Avery embezzled about \$51,000, only about \$1,800 being stolen from the National Union.

Sue for Heavy Damages.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 8.—George Tilles has filed suit against the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York for \$50,000 damages. Tilles was up to a few months ago general agent for the company and was discharged. The suit is for malicious trespass.

Big Fire at Yonkers.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Fourteen buildings in the business section of Yonkers were burned Tuesday. The total loss amounted to about \$100,000 on buildings and stock.

Flying Squadron for Spain.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The World's Flying special says Spain is preparing a flying squadron of six warships and eight torpedo boats for active service.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Votes Cast in Michigan, Iowa, Ohio and Illinois.

CONTESTS OVER LOCAL ISSUES.

Republicans Show Gains in Some Towns in Ohio and Michigan, and in Others Democrats Poll an Unexpectedly Large Vote and Carry the Day—Samuel Dickie, the Prohibitionist, Elected Mayor of Albion, Mich.—The Result in Iowa.

DETROIT, April 8.—Fine weather and a big vote in the canvass of the reports received from township and city elections throughout Michigan Monday. The voting during the earlier hours was much heavier than usual at the spring elections. All Michigan cities elected officers with the exception of Detroit and Port Huron. The elections resulted in Democratic gains in many of the smaller cities, and in some cases, unexpectedly decisive Democratic victories. The townships, for the most part, retain their Republican majorities, although these were also cut down in a few cases. Although local issues predominated in many towns, politics cut a decided figure in nearly all cases, and Democratic gains were the rule, generally speaking.

Dickie Elected Mayor.

Professor Samuel Dickie, the Prohibitionist national leader, was elected mayor of Albion, by 13 plurality over McCutcheon, Democrat, the issue being between the Prohibition and liquor elements. In Saginaw the Democrats elected their city ticket, and seventeen aldermen, Baum for mayor receiving a majority of 1,700. Kalamazoo and Owosso went Republican by decisive majorities. Sault Ste. Marie elected all Republicans, a reversal of the result of a year ago. Marquette, Flint, Grand Haven, Stanton, St. Ignace, Marshall, and Traverse City elected Democratic majorities, in some cases reversing last year's majorities. Escanaba elected Gallup, Rep., by 593 majority.

At Other Places.

At Grand Rapids the Republicans took everything in slight, with the possible exception of mayor. The result on the head of the ticket is very close, and will require the official count to determine. The city of Dowagiac elects W. D. Jones, Dem., mayor, majority, 190; A. M. Moon, Dem., recorder, majority, 176; Richard Holmes, Rep., treasurer, majority, 200. At Bay City the R. publicans elect Allan Justice; Smith, bridge commissioner; six aldermen, seven supervisors and six constables. The Democrats elect Marsan, recorder; four aldermen, five constables and four supervisors. Jackson elected a Republican, Rep. mayor by 176 majority; Caldwell, Dem., recorder, 135 majority; Wood, Rep., justice by 288 majority.

THE BUCKEYE STATE.

Average Democratic Gains Shown Over Last Fall's Election.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—Exceptionally pleasant weather prevailed over southern Ohio Monday for the municipal and township elections. Women voted for members of school boards, and some of that sex were elected, but the percentage of women voting was small. The returns show on the average Democratic gains over last fall, when the state gave its largest Republican plurality. No political issues were at stake anywhere outside of the control of local affairs. Some towns and townships have gone Democratic for the first time since the presidential election of 1892. There was no election in Cincinnati, but the suburban returns show Democratic gains over last November.

At Cleveland the election was for a school director, three directors of the school council and eleven members of the city council. The R. publicans elected their candidates with the exception of one councilman by pluralities of 7,000 and upward. The Democrats will now have but three members of the city council out of twenty-two, two of them being holdovers. The school council is solidly Republican. At Sandusky and Fremont the Democrats made all gains. The election at Toledo resulted in a clean Republican victory, notwithstanding a bitter factional fight among the Republicans.

In the Hawkeye State.

DES MOINES, April 8.—The R. publicans of this city elected John MacVicar mayor over C. C. Loomis, Dem. The election at Keokuk resulted in a Republican victory, that party electing the assessor, A. W. Hoagland, by 147 majority, a gain of 75 on the vote for assessor over a year ago. At Dubuque the Democrats won the election of four Republicans and two Democrats, a Republican gain of one, the new council standing eight R. publicans and four Democrats. Thomas T. Duffy, Dem., nominated by the citizens and endorsed by the R. publicans, was elected mayor of Dubuque.

Exciting School Election.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., April 8.—The election of members of the city school board Monday was an exciting event. The women participated in large numbers. The victorious candidates are: Colvin Rayburn, F. M. Funk, and Mrs. Stephen Akers. Rayburn and Funk are present members and Mrs. Akers was a member some years ago. Horace G. Bent, a member of the present board, was defeated. The result is being celebrated by the American Protective association as a victory for the organization.

Republicans Elected George S. Sardan Mayor of Fulton, Ill.

Found His Mother Dead.
CARMEL, N. Y., April 8.—Mr. Hart Curry of Baldwin Place drove to the residence of his mother, near Lake Mahopac. He found her dead. She had been living in New Jersey and moved back on her farm last week. She had a fire built in a Globe coal stove in her bedroom, where she and a young negro slept. Both were asphyxiated by the coal gas from the stove. Mrs. Curry was found in the bed and the negro on the floor. The latter had been badly eaten about the face by rats. The deceased was 70 years of age and wealthy and a member of one of the best known families in this country.

Married in the Royal Gorge.

CANON CITY, Colo., April 8.—The first marriage that ever took place in the famous Royal Gorge occurred Monday when Charles H. Pliskott of Kansas City and Miss Eva Innes Lewis of Covington, Ky., were wedded on the hanging bridge. The Denver and Rio Grande company stopped its train to accommodate the wedding party.